



The auditorium of First Baptist Church was well filled Monday night for Men's Conference.

## Men's Conference Reelects Officers For Coming Year

The Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference closed its annual one-day meeting with an inspirational session Monday night of this week in Jackson's First Baptist Church with Baptist men and young men present from every section of the state.

The closing message was delivered by Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The conference reelected officers for another year, as follows:

President, Joe Piggott, McComb; vice-president, R. F. Robinson, Fulton; secretary, Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive; Baptist Men's Leader, Norris Edmonson, Natchez.

Lee Ferrell, R. A. leader, was rotated off and replaced by Woody Burt, Newton.

A men's quartet from Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, rendered special music.

At 5:45 p.m. the annual banquet was held at Fellowship Hall in Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

Lee Franklin, of Millbrook, Ala., was the principal program personality.

Special music was rendered by a ladies' trio from First Baptist Church of Magee.

The men's conference is related to the convention through the Brotherhood Department. Rev. E. L. Howell, Director.

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## Convention Opens On Tuesday

The one hundred thirty-fifth session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention began Tuesday morning of this week with adjournment set for Thursday night following the annual Youth Night session in the Mississippi Coliseum.

All sessions were held in Jackson's First Baptist Church except the closing service.

The annual pre-convention session of the State Convention Board was held Monday at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The opening Tuesday morning session was one of the highlights with Dr. John G. McCall, of Vicksburg, convention president, in the chair. He also brought the keynote address which was followed by the worship period.

This included special music by the Mississippi College Choir, scripture reading by Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale, and sermon by Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson.

Dr. Gordon H. Clinard, professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., brought a series of Bible study messages.

Other out-of-state principal speakers are Dr. Jack Stanton, associate director, division of evangelism,

Home Mission Board; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, and Rev. James Robison, evangelist of Hurst, Texas.

### Youth Session

#### MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mississippi Coliseum, Thursday Night

Kermit S. Klag, Presiding

- 6:50 Instrumental Prelude  
Brass Ensemble  
Aubrey Gaskins, director
- 7:00 Patriotic Feature  
Processional of Flags  
Fanfare—Brass Ensemble  
Congregational Singing:  
"The Star Spangled Banner"  
John Laughlin, director  
Patsy Burris, organist; Theresa Stovall, pianist  
"Dedication of Alliances," directed by Paul Harrell  
The Singing Churchmen of Mississippi  
"A Patriotic Medley," directed by Dan Hall  
Prayer  
"Faith and the Flag," directed by Ivor Clark  
Congregational Singing:  
"God Bless America"  
Recessional of Flags  
Fanfare—Brass Ensemble
- 7:20 Announcements and Recognition  
Recognition of newly elected president of Mississippi Baptist Convention — John G. McCall  
Presentation of Presiding Officer  
Recognition of Special Groups  
Introduction of Program Personnel
- 7:30 Mass Choir: Donald Winters, director  
"Here Is My Life"  
"His Gentle Look"  
"Up and Get Us Gone"  
Congregational Singing:  
"Sound of Hope with Pious Sound"  
Directed by Billy Jack Green  
Congregational Singing
- 8:10 Message: Ed Seabough  
8:40 Opportunity for Life Commitment  
9:00 Benediction

## We Must Keep Marching, McCall Tells Convention

Dr. John G. McCall, president of the State Convention, delivered the keynote address Tuesday morning. The full text of his message follows, his scripture text being Exodus 14:10-16.

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
The day of march has come:  
Henceforth in fields  
Dr. McCall of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King Eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

I believe that we would all agree that this hymn, or at least the tone and spirit of it, has been the theme of Southern Baptists for the one hundred twenty-five years of our existence. And looking back on these years we would all agree again, would we not, that Southern Baptists have indeed marched forward under the banner of the cross and for the glory of God.

But what about us today, in this year of our Lord 1970, as we commemorate the anniversary of our beginnings as Southern Baptists one hundred twenty-five years ago?

Sometime, to be sure, we sing it bravely and with great meaning. Sometime we may sing it with bravado as if we were whistling in the dark.

But, to be quite honest, I suspect that today we sing it more wistfully than in any other way. We sing it wistfully, wishing desperately that we were singing it bravely and with meaning; wishing that we were not whistling in the dark; and wondering if the tone and spirit of it really is our theme as we begin a new decade and a new quarter century of our history.

Yet, we are poignantly sure that for God's people every day is the day of march, that we in our time must keep marching.

If then it is God's command that we keep marching, and if there is a wistfulness in our singing and even a new quarter century of our history.

## Texas Convention Asks School To Give Back Hurricane Loan

AUSTIN (BP)—Texas Baptists attending the 85th annual Baptist General Convention of Texas calmly set up machinery to extract a Baptist school from a \$500,000 federal loan, and voted to divest Baylor University College of Dentistry in Dallas from convention control.

The 2,600 messengers also approved a record budget, elected officers and unanimously voted to change the 1971 Convention site from Amarillo to Houston where a proposed historic joint meeting is slated for all white, black and Mexican-American Baptist conventions in Texas.

If each of the other six conventions involved, representing more than 3 million Baptists, approve the plan, each group would hold its annual meeting separately and come together for one night for a mass evangelism rally in the Astrodome. It would

be the first meeting of its kind in Texas history.

After a low-key debate, the messengers voted to appoint a committee to help the University of Corpus Christi work out problems surrounding damage suffered by Hurricane Celia which devastated the school just 30 days prior to its opening date in September.

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the school accepted a \$500,000 small business administration loan, which, according to President Kenneth A. Maroney, actually amounts to a line of credit.

While expressing sympathy and concern for the school's situation, the convention reminded school officials that acceptance of the loan violates convention policy and instructed that money be borrowed from some agency.

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## Mississippi Serve Overseas

RICHMOND, VA. — Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee of New Orleans and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Erwin of Concord, Tenn., with Mississippi backgrounds, were among eight persons appointed missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board in a chapel service at board headquarters.

Erwin expects to help develop Baptist churches through an agricultural ministry in Zambia.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin are former Southern Baptist missionary journeymen. He left the states in 1965 with the first group of journeymen, serving as an agronomist on a dairy farm in Brazil for two years. Mrs. Erwin, the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler, left a year later and spent two years in Nigeria as a secretary at the Baptist seminary in Ogbomoso.

"Most thrilling" and "most rewarding" are the words Mr. and Mrs. Erwin use to describe their two years as missionary journeymen.

Born in Florence, Ala., Erwin grew up in Tennessee, living in Oak Ridge and Knox County. He received the bachelor of science in agriculture and master of science degrees from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Erwin, a native of Sandersville, Miss., was graduated from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., with the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of music degrees. She attended Southern Seminary also, and there she and Bob Erwin met. They were married last January in Sandersville.

Magee, who is studying theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in preparation for missionary service, expects to promote music in Baptist churches in Chile.

Before beginning his seminary studies last July, he was minister of music and associate pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, for almost two years.

A native of Tylertown, Miss., he received the bachelor of church music degree from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the master of church music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

While a student in Fort Worth he was minister of music at Springdale Baptist Church. He previously had held a similar position in churches in

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## First, Dallas, Will Begin Bible School

DALLAS (BP) — First Baptist Church of Dallas, largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced the establishment of the Criswell Bible Institute, named for its pastor, W. A. Criswell.

Classes will begin in January at the institute with instruction on the college or seminary level, said James Bryant, an associate pastor of the church.

"This will be a Bible institute encompassing Christian training of a conservative and evangelical flavor on a high academic level," said Bryant.

Simultaneously, the church announced that a Conservatory of Music will be established "within the framework of the Criswell Bible Institute, teaching our people and church musicians from across the city and state, how to build a music program which will glorify God."

Criswell, immediate past president

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## Milner Discusses Foundation Stones In Baptist Life

Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, brought the Tuesday morning session to a close with the annual convention sermon, entitled "Foundation Stones In Baptist Life." The full text follows:

I Cor. 3:9-14; Eph. 2:19-22; Psa. 11:3; Tim. 2:19a

We have just heard read from the Word of God, "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid

which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11  
"Ye are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone." Eph. 2:20

If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Psa. 11:3

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." II Tim. 2:19

There are those individuals and

powers who seem to have read Psalms 11:3 which says, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" but have not read or believed II Timothy 2:19 which tells us, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure."

We are living in a day when it seems that Satan and all his cohorts have embarked upon a major campaign to destroy the foundations of old

Never has there been a time in all of history when so many attacks have been hurled at everything that is decent, upright, and good. Most every area and realm of life is under constant bombardment by the forces of evil.

There is the realm of the Spiritual: we are told that the church is no longer needed; that the Bible is not relevant for our day; that it is filled with error and a book of myths and fables. Liberals have tried to tone down its sharp - cutting two - edged

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## Student Convention Will Meet Dec. 4-6

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at Wm. Carey College in Hattiesburg Dec. 4-6.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor, said that students would attend from more than 30 schools and colleges in the state.

Brad Castleberry, student at Mississippi College, Clinton, and president of the State Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

Convention theme will be "A Time for Openness."

Out-of-state principal speakers will be Dr. W. F. Howard, director of stu-

dent work, Baptist General Convention of Texas; Charles M. Roselle, secretary, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. James C. Berryman, acting vice-president for academic affairs, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Principal speakers from Mississippi will be Rev. Harold Bryson, pastor First Baptist Church, Carthage, and Rev. Larry Rohman, pastor First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Convention music will be under direction of Dr. Phillip Landgrave, associate professor, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Organist will be Miss Wanda Stringer, of Mississippi College, while pianist will be Miss Kaye Wallace, of

Blue Mountain College.

The convention will get underway Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock with a period of worship, followed by the keynote message by Mr. Bryson.

A drama, "The Circle Beyond Fear," will be presented by the Serampore Players of Carey College, followed by a fellowship period under direction of Dr. Landgrave.

Saturday morning's session, to begin at 8:30 o'clock, will feature a message by Dr. Howard and a series of simultaneous dialogue sessions.

Leaders will include Dr. Robert Barnes, pastor First Baptist Church, Poplarville; Robert Covington, area representative, Foreign Mission Board, New Orleans; Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor First Baptist Church, Clinton; David L. Hicks, BSU di-

rector, University of Mississippi, Oxford; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in addition to the principal speakers.

Saturday afternoon's session will begin at 1:15 and feature a message by Dr. Berryman, dialogue sessions and open house at new Baptist Student Center at University of Southern Mississippi.

Saturday night's session, to begin at 7:15 o'clock, will include a message in multi-media, "The Walls," by Dr. Landgrave, business period, opportunity for life commitment and campus altars.

Sunday morning's worship session, to begin at 8:30 o'clock, will bring the convention to a close.



Mr. Roselle

Dr. Landgrave

Dr. Berryman

Dr. Howard

Mr. Castleberry

Mr. Covington





### Old "Baptist Hour" Gets New Look

RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION announcer Ed Stanley checks master tape for a program in the new "Baptist Hour" series, which features more music, contemporary sounds, a brief, more relevant sermon. Dr. Herschel Hobbs is still the preacher. Mississippi stations carrying the program are: WCHJ, Brookhaven, Sun., 1:30 p.m.; WMGO, Canton, Sun., 7:00 a.m.; WCJU, Columbia, Sun., 9:00 a.m.; WACR, Columbus, Sun., 10:30 a.m.; WJPR, Greenville, Sun., 8:00 a.m.; WABG, Greenwood, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.; WNAG, Grenada, Sun., 5:00 p.m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, Sun., 9:30 p.m.; WJQS, Jackson, Sun., 10:00 a.m.; WNSL, Laurel, Sun., 6:30 a.m.; WAPF, McComb, Sun., 12:30 p.m.; WCOC, Meridian, Sun., 4:05 p.m.; WNAU, New Albany, Sun., 10:30 a.m.; WSCG, Taylorsville, Sun., 1:00 p.m.; WQMV, Vicksburg, Sun., 2:00 p.m. The 30th Anniversary of "The Baptist Hour" is fast approaching.

## West Virginia Baptists Begin 33rd Convention In SBC

BELLE, W. Va. (BP) — The 33rd state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention was constituted here during the fourth annual session of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia.

The new convention will be known as the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. Headquarters offices are located in St. Albans, W. Va.

During the convention's organizational meeting here, more than 300 persons registered with 126 elected messengers representing the 52 churches with a total membership of 13,468 affiliated with the new convention.

Elected president of the convention was George Bulson, pastor of Ceres Baptist Church, Bluefield, W. Va.

The Executive Board of the new convention was instructed by the messengers to prepare a job description, fix a salary schedule, and proceed with the election of an executive secretary for the convention before next year's annual convention.

Currently, the convention has two staff members, but no executive. The staff is composed of John Snedden who is the director of missions, evangelism and Baptist men's work; and Francis Tallant, director of Christian education in charge of Sunday School, Training Union and student work. Mrs. Ola Cox will serve as past-time director of Woman's Missionary Union work in the state.

An operating budget of \$176,524 was adopted by the convention, which also

set a statewide Cooperative Program goal of \$70,950 for 1971.

A financial agreement between the new convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board provides for 90 per cent of the state missions program funds, with 10 per cent provided by the state.

Set as top priority programs by the convention in its program of work were the areas of (1) evangelism, (2) starting new churches, and (3) developing church leadership.



### Pennsylvania Baptist Convention Is Organized

PENNSYLVANIA BAPTISTS, meeting in Harrisburg, recently organized the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. Ed Price, a Pittsburgh businessman, was elected president of the new convention. The two-day organizational meeting, held at the Country and Town Baptist Church, drew numerous SBC agency heads, (see photo above) including Arthur Rutledge, Home Mission Board executive. Executive secretary of the new convention is Joe Waltz, a former Home Mission Board missionary. Waltz was superintendent of missions for the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association when he resigned to take the leadership of the convention.—(Home Board Photo)

## First Church, Dallas To Begin Bible School

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of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be president of the institute in addition to his duties as pastor of the 15,000 - member Dallas church.

Bryant will serve as academic dean. Chairman of the institute's trustees will be W. C. McCord, who is president of Lone Star Gas Co.

The institute, as outlined by Bryant will offer classes on Tuesday nights, with certificates to be awarded at the end of the completion of three years of study.

Faculty members will be from the faculties of Southwestern Baptist The-

ological Seminary, Fort Worth, Dallas Baptist College and Dallas Theological Seminary, both in Dallas.

Classes will be conducted on a college or seminary level, but enrollment will be available to Sunday school teachers and interested laymen from all over North Texas.

The textbook will be the Bible. "We will not study about the Bible," said Bryant, "We will study the Bible itself. We will not study what some theologian or some book says about the Bible, but we will study the unfolding drama of redemption in its own language, in its own words, in its own setting."

### Souenlovie Deacon Dies

On October 17, Fred Everett Nix, Rt. 2, Enterprise, died at 74. A veteran of World War 1, member of Souenlovie Baptist Church, and deacon for 38 years, and chairman of deacons for the past seven years, he was active in all church and community work until ill health confined him to his home.

Funeral services were held on October 18, at Souenlovie Church, and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Ronald Mercer and Rev. David Townsend officiated. As Mrs. Abe Keahey played, the choir sang "How Great Thou Art."

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ester Lee Nix; four daughters, Mrs. James Caves, Bay Springs, Mrs. Eugene Piersol, Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs. Frank Hulsey, Austin, Texas, and Mrs. C. O. Becton, Biloxi; and one son, Lee Nix, Enterprise. Another son, Fred, preceded his father in death nine months ago.

## Milner Discusses "The Foundation Stones In Baptist Life"

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sword to the place where it has nothing to say to a people who do not want to hear anything said.

We have been hearing for the past two or three years that, "God is dead." The tragedy is—that some theologians are saying this. However, we here at this convention know better for we have already this day seen His handiwork, had a talk with Him, and right now feel His glorious presence in our hearts.

Some have confused intellectual enlightenment with modernism and unbelief. They think the only way to be intellectual is to deny some of the miracles recorded in God's Word, or else try to explain away some of the glorious experiences patriarchy of old had with God. To be intellectual one does not have to deny the Scripture. In fact, we are told by the Scripture that it is the "fool" who says, "There is no God."

In many of our higher institutions of learning, including some theological schools, atheistic professors have enjoyed brainwashing young students into disbelieving the Word of God.

Not only have the forces of evil attacked the Spiritual but have sought to destroy our moral code of ethics: much is being said and written about the new moral freedom and situation ethics. This new freedom could throw the Ten Commandments out the window and would substitute lust for love. Satan has duped many churchmen into thinking lightly about extramarital sex, and has led many to support the new morality. Instead of supporting the new morality these men should be standing in the pulpits preaching the wrath of God against such.

Illegitimacy is now made respectable and is being supported by our welfare state.

Some are beginning to believe that the sex pervert and rapist are just slightly maladjusted and should be sympathized with.

Hollywood is being recognized as the glamour spot of the nation—yet it is nothing more than a red light district with more sin, evil, wickedness, corruption, adultery, fornication, gambling, and husband-wife swapping than anywhere in the world. Yet, most every home, hospital room, and business in America is being influenced today by many hours of propaganda from this cesspool of iniquity. The tragedy is—we have let Satan have too much control of this wonderful medium of communication we call television.

We have been led by the forces of evil to call sin sickness. The drunkard that the Bible says "shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven," is now called an alcoholic. The murderer, who also shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven according to the Bible, is said to be temporarily insane and is often turned loose on society to kill again.

Just as the forces of evil attacked the Spiritual and moral, they have also attacked this great country we call America. We are seeing the Stars and Stripes dragged in the dust in the name of civil rights. There is nothing civil about desecrating our flag men have died for and there is certainly nothing right about it.

Fellow American young men, some of the finest, are dying in a far-away country while we let ungodly, unruly, uncontrollable, pep-pill filled youthful reprobates rape this land of ours, defy the law, and destroy everything those men are dying for, and for

which men for 200 years have died.

Subversive groups such as the Black Panthers, Students for a Democratic Society, and others are coddled, reasoned with, protected and supported by our government and the World Council of Churches, while every one of them is dedicated to the destruction and annihilation of everything democracy holds dear.

There is absolutely no question about it — we are seeing the forces of evil—all the sinister forces of Hell turned loose in these last days for one purpose and that is the destruction of the foundations of old.

He has not appeared in person but we are experiencing the powers and influence of the Antichrist. Paul in I Tim. 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." John said in I John 2:18, 22 "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know it is the last time. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son."

I say again, Satan may have read Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" but he has not accepted the truth of II Timothy 2:19, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure."

In those days of conflict with Satan and the powers of darkness many men and women are losing in membership and influence. Many churches are folding up. Just last week I read where several hundred church buildings were for sale in England. God grant that this never happen in America. Some denominations are joining in with other denominations in order to put up a front line defense by claiming numbers, prestige, and world recognition. They forget that one with God is a majority.

While others are going down under the blows and constant attacks of Satan, we find that Baptists are still moving forward with great power and influence, not as we ought to be, but we are still maintaining our old bases, opening up new work for Jesus and advancing in many areas. There is a reason for this and I think we would do well to take a look at the reason and be cautious that we depart not from it.

Baptists have built upon and are building upon some foundations that are sure. I would like to call some of these foundations to your attention.

#### I. The Divine Inspiration of The Word Of God.

I am glad I have the privilege of standing before this great convention today and declaring that I believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired word of God. I believe God is the author of the Bible and am happy to say that I believe it from Genesis to Revelation. The Bible does not contain the word of God and truth—the Bible is the word of God and truth. Someone has said, "The Bible is:

light to direct you;  
food to support you;  
comfort to cheer you;  
a sword to defend you;  
a fire to inflame you;  
water to cleanse you;  
milk to nourish you;  
and a key to unlock Heaven."

The Bible down through the centuries has, and today, will meet every need of life. We Baptist believe that it meets the need of the sinner's life and the Christian's life. It tells the sinner how to get away from his sins and the Christian how to stay away from sin. It will meet the need of home life in that it tells husbands and wives how to love and respect each other and how to rear their children. It also has a word for the children — "Children obey your parents." Just as children need to heed this admonition, just so do parents today need to heed God's Word on bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The endurance of the Bible has proven that the Bible is a safe foundation for Baptists to build upon. Dr. R. G. Lee said, "All its enemies have not torn one hole in its vesture; nor diluted one drop of honey from its abundant store; nor stolen one flower from its wonderful garden; nor broken one string from its thousand-stringed harp; nor drowned one sweet word in infidel ink; nor made dim one ray of its perpetual light; nor stayed its triumphant progress by so much as one brief hour."

The unity of the Bible proves it to be a safe foundation on which to build. The Bible is composed of 66 books. It was written in different languages, in different countries by 40 different men over a period of some 1600 years — yet it has not one single contradiction. Every word, phrase, sentence, verse and chapter fit together perfectly. This tells us that a master mind was inspiring the writing of this book. That master mind can be none other than the mind of God.

Brethren, this book does not need to be questioned. It needs to be preached! It must be held up to a lost world; to show them the way to Jesus.

There is a second foundation on which Baptists have built.

#### II. The Virgin Birth Of Our Lord

From the Old Testament Isa. 7:14 we read, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and His name shall be called Immanuel." We read in the New Testament Matt. 1:18, 25 "Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost. And Joseph knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son; and he called His name Jesus." Luke 1:26, 27, 35 "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Either Jesus Christ was born of a virgin or the Word of God is not true. Critics tell us it would be a physical impossibility. Sure a virgin birth is a physical impossibility! That is why we say it was of the Holy Ghost. Question the virgin birth of Christ and you can question every statement of the Bible.

Instead of questioning it, my Baptist brethren, let us preach it.

Let me mention a third foundation stone in Baptist life.

#### III. The Necessity of Repentance

Jesus Christ opened His ministry preaching repentance. Immediately following His baptism and temptation

we read in Matt. 4:17, "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand." Luke 13:3, 5, "I tell you, nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." In giving the great commission He said in Luke 24:46, 47, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

The apostles preached repentance. Mark 6:12, "And they went out and preached that men should repent." Remember Jesus had instructed them before they went out. He told them how to preach and they followed His instructions and preached repentance.

We would do well today to follow His instructions on this matter, and if we would there would be more repenting sinners coming to the cross for cleansing. Instead of preaching repentance and the wrath of God, we preach the love of God, our sermons, and a watered down gospel and then wonder why we have so few new converts. Too many of us preachers and religious leaders today are fraternizing with the worldly sinner instead of declaring unto him that the "wages of sin is death." The result is that our churches are filled with un-

repentant sinners on their way to an eternal hell.

We must continue to proclaim the message of the early church as Paul declared it on Mars Hill, Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

If the early church grew preaching repentance and Baptists have grown down through the years preaching repentance, brethren, we had better continue to build on this foundation.

I mention a fourth foundation on which Baptists have built.

#### IV. Salvation By Faith

Yes, we repent from sin and by faith we turn to Jesus Christ. Eph. 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: and not of works, lest any man should boast." We are not saved by works. We are not saved by joining the church or being baptized by the church. Neither are we saved by straightening up and doing right. Paul said to the Philippian jailer in Acts 16:21, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Paul was saying, "trust Christ, yield to Christ, turn yourself over to him."

In the small church and the big church, in the city church and the country church, in the byways and highways and all over the world we Baptists must carry this message of salvation by faith.

We have built on this foundation and we must continue to stand on it.

There is a fifth foundation stone that I must mention. It naturally follows the preceding two.

#### V. The Second Birth

When one has repented of his sins and has put his faith in Jesus Christ the new birth simultaneously takes place.

Jesus said in John 3:3, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Therefore, since Jesus said it, we Baptists believe it and preach it. I will admit that the new birth is a bit mysterious but so is the first birth. It is still a mystery to me how two small cells came together some 50 years ago and here I am standing before you today. I came into this world by way of a physical birth and when I was 12 years old physically, I came into the kingdom of God by a spiritual birth.

We believe that the second birth makes one a new creature, that it brings about a complete change. Paul said in II Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

I hasten to mention a sixth stone.

#### VI. The Blood Atonement

Paul said in Romans 5:8, 9 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Peter said in I Peter 1:18, 19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

We Baptists will continue to sing—

"What can wash away my sins?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

"There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that  
flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

Yes, there is power in the blood! The only power that can save a poor lost sinner who is on his way to hell.

I mention the next two as one, though they are further apart than the east is from the west.

#### VII. A Literal Heaven and a Literal Hell

Jesus said in Luke 16:22, 23 "The beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: The rich man also died and was buried, and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment."

Many people would deny that there is a heaven or hell. However, there are some who would deny the fact of hell yet are quick to accept the fact of heaven. Rather inconsistent—when hell, or the place of punishment, is mentioned more than fifty times in the New Testament.

I will not take up the many scriptures that deal with both subjects, but allow me to say that just as the lost have been warned of the punishment of hell, just so have the redeemed been assured of the promises of God.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." I believe he is doing that right now, and someday I shall see him face to face — which leads me to mention only one more foundation stone in Baptist life.

#### VIII. The Second Coming Of Christ

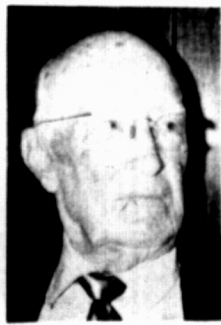
Jesus said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." John 14:3. Two heavenly messengers stood on earth as Jesus ascended and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11.

Paul said in I Thess. 4:16, 17 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Neither I, nor anyone else, knows when Jesus will come back to receive us unto himself. However, I do not believe it can be long. Within recent months and the past two or three years we have seen more in print and heard more about Christ's second coming than ever before.

Until he comes, we Baptists must continue to be faithful in the ministry of the Word. We must be constant in season and out of season. Let us continue to build on the sure foundation that was laid for us by Christ and that was laid in Christ Jesus who is the chief cornerstone.

We have a great task, a great work to do for Him. Let us be faithful unto his coming so that we may hear him say — "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." — And with John we say, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."



### 1st, Long Beach Names Sanctuary For Mr. Jarman

Sunday, October 25, First Church, Long Beach held a service in which people and property were dedicated to the cause of Christ, the pastor, Dr. Gail DeBord, has reported.

The highlight of the day was the naming of the current sanctuary after a charter member of the church, J. H. Jarman, pictured.

The church was organized in 1909 and through the years has been blessed with the wisdom and support of this faithful charter member. He was awarded the title "Honorary Lifetime Deacon" during the service and was presented with a Bible and a set of cuff links and tie pin inscribed with the Greek word for deacon.

Mr. Jarman's brother-in-law, Cleveland Hodge, another charter member who has since moved from the community, was also present in the service.

Dr. H. Clayton Waddell, Professor of Christian Social Ethics at New Orleans Seminary, preached the dedication sermon.

The activities were concluded with a dinner on the grounds.

Approximately 150 members and guests ate together in the church courtyard.

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## Student Department Develops Campus Witness Plan

The student department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has developed a basic plan to involve Christian college students in witness.

"As a part of an overall national strategy to train and involve Baptist students in personal witness, we are seeking to enlist two or more students on every campus in the nation to begin a share group," said Milt Hughes, consultant, campus evangelism of the board's student department.

A guide entitled *A Master Plan for Your Life* will be available to students who start a share group on their campus.

The guide will feature witnessing techniques as well as suggestions on prayer and Bible study.

## Texas Asks School Loan Be Given Back

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cy other than the federal government to repay the loan.

The school must file a progress report with the convention's Executive Board before the 1971 convention.

The convention adopted a record \$14,750,000 budget — plus another \$500,000 to form a "challenge budget" should excess funds be available from Cooperative Program gifts through the churches.

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, was re-elected to a second one-year term as convention president.

Two prominent Baptist political figures — former Postmaster General Marvin Watson and U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough — joined the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission in positioning themselves against liquor-by-the-drink at the convention. Texans were to vote on local option Nov. 3. Watson appeared on the program and Yarborough called for temperance and sobriety in a letter and telegram to Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission Secretary James M. Dunn.

The convention adopted a number of resolutions covering a wide range of political and social issues.

One resolution called for Texas Baptists to work to "make our laws dealing with marijuana users more realistic by giving our courts discretion to deal with each case on its own merits." It further urged "elimination of hypocrisy in liquor and drug law enforcement."

Other resolutions urged Texas Baptists to oppose efforts to obtain tax money for supporting parochial schools, called for peace in Indo-China and the immediate release of prisoners of war being held by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese; and pointed to the need for more women, blacks, youth and Mexican-Americans on Texas Baptist policy-making bodies.

## Lakeland Calls Pastor

Rev. Ray Butler has accepted the pastorate of Lakeland Church, near Guntown, in Itawamba County. He went there from the Hyde Park Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Butler is married to the former Wilma Jean Hankins of Itawamba County. The parents of three children, they live in Fulton.

Mr. Butler will be ordained November 22 at Lakeland. He became a Christian just two years ago. After serving in a number of different offices of Sunday school and Training Union, he felt a year ago that God was calling him into the ministry, and surrendered to preach.

He is now attending Itawamba Junior College and plans later to attend a Baptist college and seminary.

## Rev. Ray Dykes Dies

Rev. Ray M. Dykes, 77, a resident of 948 Claiborne Street, Jackson, died Sunday night, Nov. 1, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past several weeks.

Mr. Dykes was a native of Osyka, and had been a resident of Jackson for the past 20 years. He was pastor of the Midway Church, Clinton Boulevard, for several years before he retired about 12 years ago. He attended Clarke College, the Southern Baptist Seminary, and Mississippi College. Before coming to Jackson, he was pastor of churches in Indiana, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

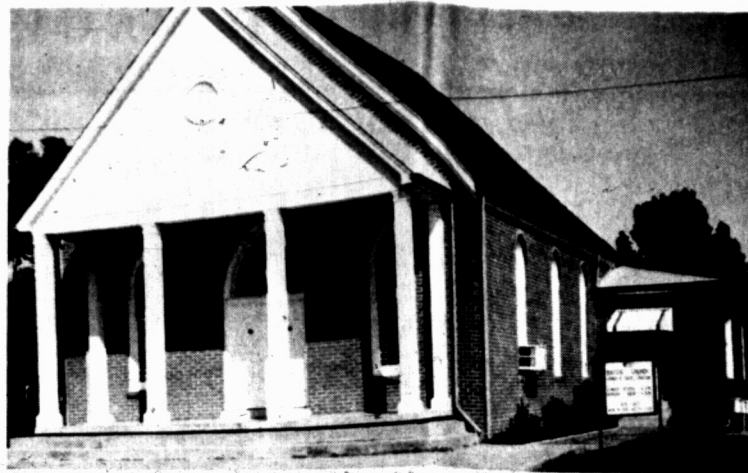
He is survived by his wife, the former Joy M. King; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Gallouger of East Moline, Ill., Mrs. Velma D. Rollins of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Sam Augustine of Raymond; four brothers, Felix Dykes of La Grange, Tex., Dewey Dykes of Chicago, R. J. Dykes, and Harry Dykes, both of Natchez.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 4, from the Wright and Ferguson Chapel with Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, and Rev. J. S. Riser, pastor of Calvary Mission, officiating.

**ECUADOR:** All of the teachers at the Baptist Primary School in Quito during the 1969-70 school year were rated "above average" and "very good" by the Ecuadorean ministry of education, reported William F. Martin Jr., Southern Baptist missionary director of the school. A new physical and natural sciences laboratory was established at the school during the year, among other improvements, and 171 students finished the year's instruction.



THEN—This is how the West Baptist Church looked in 1900, when the building pictured was constructed. The church was organized in 1870 and is planning special anniversary services for Sunday, Nov. 22.



NOW—This is how the West Baptist Church looks 100 years after its organization. Located one block off Highway 51 on Green Street, the church is observing its centennial with special services Nov. 22.

## West Church To Observe 100th Anniversary Nov. 22

West Church, organized in 1870, will observe its 100th anniversary with special services on Sunday morning, Nov. 22, beginning at 10:45.

All former members and pastors, resident and nonresident members, and other interested friends of the church are invited to the service, which will feature present and former members and pastors leading in all phases of the celebration.

Included in the activities will be a history of the church highlights; recognition of all visitors, as well as oldest and youngest members of the church and those with exceptionally long periods and records of service; dedication of the church's library, out-

door bulletin board, new hymnals, and new pews; congregational singing and special music; and a message to be delivered by the present pastor, Rev. Jerry C. Tate.

Lunch will be served by the church at the noon hour in the fellowship hall. To help the food and kitchen committees plan for this meal, those plan-

ning to attend are requested to promptly mail a card to the church, indicating the names of those persons who will be in attendance.

A detailed history of the church will be available in printed form to each family attending the centennial celebration.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Magee

## Mississippians To Serve Overseas

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Columbia, Quitman and Gulfport, Miss.

Mr. Magee's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Magee, Route 5, Tylertown; Mrs. Magee's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bradley, 1323 Third Street, Gulfport. Magee has

been minister of music at East Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, First Baptist Church, Quitman and Bayou View Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Mrs. Magee is the former Delores Bradley of Gulfport. She and her husband were married during her sophomore year at William Carey College,

from which she received the bachelor of arts degree.

She taught first grade for one year in Chalmette, La., and second grade for a year in Fort Worth.

The Magees have a son, Robert Gerald, nearly 5 and a daughter, Melany Lauren, 14 months.

## Three-Day Program To Mark Opening Of Hospital's Center For Students



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A three-day program will mark the opening of Mississippi Baptist Hospital's center for the students of the hospital's five schools.

A "coffee house" will mark the opening of the center Sunday, November 22, at 9 p.m., and speakers will address the students on this and the two following nights.

Nell Magee of Nashville will talk to the hospital students on the night of November 22. Miss Magee is a consultant with the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, SBC, working primarily with young people.

Rev. Larry Rohman, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will address the students at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 23.

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway

Church, Jackson, will meet with the students at 7 p.m. the following night, Tuesday, November 24.

The slate of speakers was announced by Miss Kathy Bearden, student activities coordinator for the five hospital schools, which include the following: Gilfoy School of Nursing, School of Practical Nursing, School of Medical Technology, School of Radiological Technology, School of Inhalation Therapy.

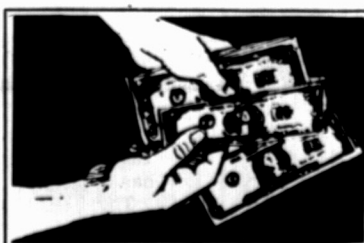
Some 150 students from all parts of Mississippi and from outside the state are studying in the five schools sponsored by the hospital.

Miss Bearden said the theme for the series of three special programs will be "The Christian Conscience in the Campus Community."

She said students of the various col-

leges of the Jackson area will participate in the three programs, especially the first program on November 22. Young people considering possible careers in hospital-related professions are invited.

The center, located on the third floor of the Lackey Building, directly behind the main hospital, fronting on Manship street will be the focal point for the recreational and religious activities of the students.



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## Chairmen Of Religious Emphasis Week

PICTURED are the chairmen of Religious Emphasis Week, Baptist Hospital. Seated left to right: Vickie Strong, Ginger Hales, Carol Poole, Diane Parkes. Standing left to right: Miss Kathryn Bearden, BSU Director, Beth Herring, Diane Hartfield, Vickie Turner, Linda Beard, Cela Haire, Judy Moore, Becky Brown, Brenda George.

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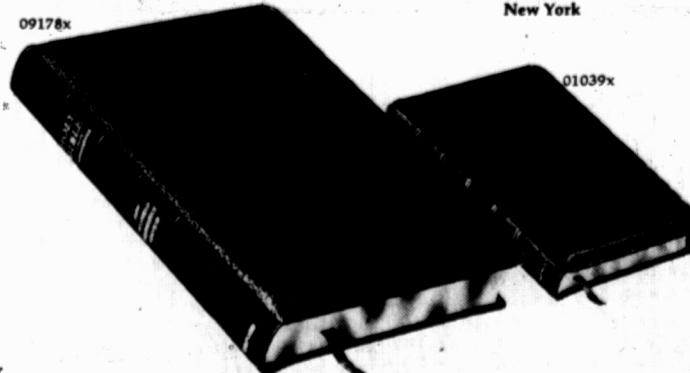
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## Disturbing Baptist Action

What a Baptist church does is its own business, and no person anywhere in the world has any right to interfere.

Even what a Baptist association does is its own affair, and outsiders have no authority to become involved.

However, when Baptist churches and associations take actions which conceivably could involve other Baptist churches, then Baptists must at least take notice, and must be concerned, even though there is no action they can take to change what is being done.

Last week the Baptist Record carried a story of church and associational action which could involve other Baptist churches, even in Mississippi, and does raise a question mark for Baptist churches everywhere.

The news release told of how that certain churches in North Carolina have begun to accept unimmersed persons as members, and of how that three different associations failed to take action, which would have prevented seating of messengers from these churches. In each case a majority of the messengers voted against seating these messengers, but a two-thirds vote was required.

That other churches can be effected by this action of these churches, is seen in the fact that persons from the churches unite with other Baptist churches on the promise of a letter. Suppose that one of these unimmersed persons moves to Mississippi and seeks to join a church here by letter. Then the issue will be raised for the Mississippi church, and it will have to decide whether it will accept the person, or require baptism. In most Southern Baptist churches the person would be required to be baptized.

This matter of the association also raises some problems. While associations do not send messengers to the state convention or the Southern Baptist Convention, they do work with other associations which receive such churches in fellowship with associations which do not accept them. We can see the possibility of

problems being created.

The most serious matter, however, is the effect on the churches themselves. Acceptance of non-immersed members may be the first step toward their ceasing to be Baptist churches. The person who questions that statement, needs only to read Baptist history.

The same issue was raised by the immortal John Bunyan, author of Pilgrim's Progress. He and his congregation decided to accept unimmersed persons as members. Bunyan defended the practice in a written debate with William Kiffin, another distinguished English Baptist. Kiffin contended that the church which persisted in such a practice soon would cease to be a Baptist church. The correctness of his position was clearly shown in that after Bunyan's death, the church voted to leave the Baptist fellowship and become Congregationalist. Have the North Carolina churches which have adopted this policy started down the same path?

How does a Baptist Church begin such a practice in the first place? It seems evident that it begins with the practice of accepting alien-immersion. When a church begins to accept persons on the baptisms of other denominations, contending that it is all right if they are believers and are satisfied with their baptism, it can be only a short time until it is under pressure to accept other "believers" who have not been immersed, but also are satisfied with their baptism.

The acceptance of either alien immersion or non-immersion is the first step toward decrease for any Baptist church, at least as far as its Baptist distinctiveness is concerned. When a church becomes so "broad" in its doctrinal position, that it abandons the clear New Testament teaching concerning baptism, it already is losing its strength, and it will be only a matter of time, until its Baptist position has been abandoned.

We hope that Baptist churches in Mississippi will think long and carefully before they begin to abandon the Baptist and Bible position in this matter.

## A Word To An Outstanding Young Baptist

No Mississippi Baptist is more widely known, is more greatly beloved, or has brought greater glory to his state than Archie Manning of Ole Miss. Certainly this is true as far as younger Baptists are concerned. Moreover, no Baptist has set a finer example for all Baptist youth. He has exemplified true Christian character both on and off the athletic field.

It is fitting then that we assure Archie that all Mississippi

Baptists are grieved at the unfortunate accident in last Saturday's game, in which his arm was broken, and his brilliant football career with the Rebels apparently suddenly came to an end.

Archie now is in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, recovering from surgery on the arm.

We join all of "Archie's Army" in expressing our sympathy and concern, and in assuring him of our prayers for his speedy recovery.

Guest Editorial

## No Time For Delay

By John Hurt

In Baptist Standard, (Texas) Anarchy in these United States of America is nearer a reality than in any year of our almost two centuries of government. Fear is an epidemic which sweeps the land and well it should.

Policemen are gunned down methodically, eight on a recent weekend. Explosions wreck one government building after another. The crime clock runs wild, nine serious crimes every minute, but amid all the violence and hate we, the people, sit meekly with folded hands as if nothing can be done.

The time has come to strike back. Drastic measures may be necessary but nothing is too drastic to preserve a government for all the people. Some may lose, at least for a time, a bit of their constitutional freedoms but if that be the price, so be it.

The Black Panthers in some of our cities have turned their headquarters into miniature fortresses. They and their kin, preaching destruction of government through violence, should neither expect nor want the protection of any Bill of Rights. The Weatherman and Students for a Democratic Society should not be tolerated on any campus outside Cuba, North Vietnam or those politically aligned.

There is a danger in over-reacting. All know that. There is

an equal danger in letting these devils of destruction run wild, establishing themselves as heroes to those bent on violence. "It's going to get worse," says Assistant FBI Director Charles Brennan. It is time for those who love this country, despite its faults, to assert their rights for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

There is a right to dissent. That right does not extend to disruption of assemblies, to appeals for violence, nor to defiance of government.

We are tired, terribly tired, of our coddling of criminals. We are equally tired of some courts more interested in fixing bail bonds for known criminals to go free than in protecting society from the criminals. We are tired of all these injunctions which slow the wheels of justice.

We, too, know about the "freedom of speech" guaranteed by the constitution. We also remember that the preamble has a phrase that the constitution is to "insure domestic tranquility." Those crying for the right of assembly must be reminded it is the "right of the people peaceably to assemble."

Tick off other guarantees of the constitution. But never forget the preamble says it is to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and to secure the blessings of liberty of ourselves

# THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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## A SURE GRIP FOR THE FUTURE



"I WILL INSTRUCT THEE AND TEACH THEE IN THE WAY WHICH THOU SHALT GO" — PSALM 32:8

## NEWEST BOOKS

### THE BIBLE'S SECRET OF FULL HAPPINESS

by Joseph F. Grees

(Broadman, 154 pp., \$3.95). The author reports that he was a Christian for nearly thirty years before he discovered the Bible's secret of full happiness.

The discovery began in a personal explosion in a Sunday school class when the author, as an irritated Christian, spoke with unusual sharpness to a fellow member of the class. After the outburst, God began to deal with him, and he came to see that something was wrong "with me." He prayed about the matter all week, and on Saturday morning opened his heart to God to find forgiveness and healing. In that hour, he discovered that God was able to meet his every need and also that God wants his creatures to be happy. These chapters tell the story of full surrender to God in the whole life relationship. It is a testimony for spiritual surrender and fullness in Christ.

### BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

by John B. Anderson (Zondervan, 163 pp., \$3.95).

John B. Anderson is a republican representative from Illinois. An active churchman, he is a member of the First Evangelical Free Church in Rockford, Illinois, and in 1964 was named Outstanding Layman of the Year by the National Association of Evangelicals. In this book, he tells about the experiences of a Christian in Congress and how Christianity is being applied in decisions which relate to our nation and to the world. It is a personal testimony of what a Christian man can do and be in Washington.

### THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF THE 20'S AND 30'S

by the editors of American Heritage, Ralph K. Andrist, editor in charge (American Heritage Publishing Co., Inc., 416 pp., \$19.95 regular edition, \$22 deluxe edition, \$25 after December 31).

Narrative by Edmund Stillman; two chapters by Marshall Davidson; pictorial commentary by Nancy Kelly. A revolutionary cycle took place "from Versailles to Pearl Harbor" that transformed virtually every aspect of life in the U. S. The authors describe the 1920's as "a time of deliberate cultivation of what was new and shocking," but go on to say that "there was a sinew beneath the seemingly flabby surface of American life. . . . America was coming of age intellectually." Then came 1929—the great stock market crash—and "nothing would be the same again." The "Roosevelt Revolution" provides the dramatic substance of this book's next section: war clouds darkening in Europe and Asia, America's administration irreversibly turning into a social service state, and, to come full circle, the era which succeeded one global conflagration winding up with another. Contemporary photographs, cartoons, and paintings—100 in color—deal with events both serious and frivolous. Included also are excerpts from popular writings of the period, ranging from Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street* to Heywood Brown's account of a World Series game in 1923. Two special sections, "Famous Faces of the Twenties" and "Famous Faces of the Thirties," consist of word-portraits of such celebrities as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Rudolph Valentino, Texas Guinan, John Dillinger, Joe Lewis, and Amos 'n' Andy.

### THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE WORKING WORLD

by Martha Nelson (Broadman Press, 141 pp., \$3.50).

Writing from personal experience

in different types of jobs, the author gives helpful advice and encouragement as she deals with the special problems and opportunities of working women. She gives valuable information on attitude, personal appearance, conduct, and opportunities to witness and counsel.

### THE NEW DIRECTORY FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES

by Edward T. Hiscox (Kregel, 608 printed pages, \$5.95).

Reprint of a book which long has been considered as the finest directory on Baptist church work that ever has been published. The original book was published in 1859 and the present one in the year 1894. This book deals with principles so is not outdated by the passing of the years.

### FALSE DOCTRINES

by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 442 pp., \$5.25).

The sub-title is SOME SERIOUS, POPULAR FALSE DOCTRINES ANSWERED FROM THE SCRIPTURES, and that is exactly what the book is. There are eight chapters on the "errors of Romanism," three on "baptismal regeneration," four on "Seventh-Day Adventism," and four on the "tongues heresy." Other false doctrines include those of Christian Science, Herbert W. Armstrong's "World Tomorrow," Jehovah's Witnesses, hyper-Calvinism, ultra-dispensationalism, Mormonism, modernism, and others. The book is fully documented with scripture and will prove to be a very valuable handbook for those who are facing a multitude of false teachings in our day.

## Revival Dates

Strong Hope (Copiah): Nov. 15-20; regular Sunday services; night services only, Monday through Friday nights; Mrs. Robert Reid, music director; Miss Bonnie Armstrong, organist; Miss Barbara Armstrong, pianist; Rev. Perry Culver, pastor, doing the preaching; 6:45 p. m. Monday through Friday nights.

Van Winkle, Jackson: November 15-22; Rev. Harold O'Chester, evangelist; Buddy Burton, singer; Rev. Herman Milner, pastor; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

New Henleyfield Church, Henleyfield: November 15-22; services at 7:15 p. m.; Rev. Bob Posey of Birmingham, Alabama, full-time evangelist and a native of Mississippi, preaching; Lee Cowley, pastor of White Sand Church, song director; Rev. Gerald C. Hallmark, pastor.

Emmanuel, Jackson: Nov. 15-21; Rev. Marvin K. Lee, pictured, superintendent of missions, Calhoun Association, evangelist; Floyd M. Grice, minister of music and youth, Emmanuel Church, in charge of music; Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor; services beginning on Sunday, Nov. 15, with a church-wide breakfast at 8 a. m. in a local restaurant, followed by the regular schedule at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; weekday services at 10 a. m. daily except Saturday and at 7:30 p. m. Monday-Saturday; revival theme—"The Gospel of Christ. . . Unto Salvation" (Romans 1:16).

crackdown, swift and severe, for those who advocate and engage in violence. It will take a crackdown to teach them respect for law.

The time has come to strike back. Delay will be tragic. It already has been costly.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

## Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I'm not sure exactly where sociologists—or whoever is responsible for such things—have the brackets enclosing Middle Age now. However, I'm sure I'm inside the brackets, wherever they are. (I'm also sure I'm leading a crusade to raise the top of the bracket a year at a time annually on August 22.)

I am startled every day when I look in the mirror and have to say, "Hello, Self. Another day, another wrinkle. Another day, another hair's gray."

The time between these greetings seems to get shorter and shorter. Lately I've wondered if there is some sort of secret experiment with shortening the days going on. If so, let me say to whom it may concern, the experiment is successful at your house. Nights are even shorter—should they get much shorter, I may have to resort to my Granny Trenor's strategy of a nap after lunch. Wonder how old she was when she started afternoon naps?

Part of the problem lies with all the modern inconveniences my affluent society has dumped on me. Things like burned-out dryers, clogged-up washing machines, flickering televisions, leaky faucets, and souped-up

skillet leave me immobilized too much of the time.

Sometimes I think the good ole days might have been the stuff, after all. Mamas had to

wash all day Monday  
iron all day Tuesday  
clean house all day Wednesday  
sew all day Thursday  
cook all day Friday  
go to town all day Saturday  
enjoy church, family, friends all day Sunday.

It took a whole day to get each of these done, what with rub boards, 12-pound irons to heat in the fire, brush brooms for sweeping, peddle sewing machines, wood stoves, horse and buggies, and hallowing of the Sabbath.

As it is now we wash, iron, clean house, sew, cook, and go to town all day every day because we have the gadgets to make this possible. We exhaust ourselves trying to bring our little world to perfection every single day.

And still don't have enough time for family, friends, and church. All my gadgets are fine. If I could just learn to use them as conveniently as Granny did without them, I'd have it made.

## NEW SACRED RECORDS

### IN THE BEGINNING GOD

(First Foundation For One Nation Under God—Stereo) The First Foundation For One Nation Under God of Starkville, Miss., was formed to help call Americans back to the truth that our nation was built upon the teachings of God, and if it is to maintain its greatness it must remember that source, must continue to accept the responsibility of building the nation "under God," must be guided by moral and spiritual teachings, and must observe God's command of respect to our neighbors as unto ourselves. This album is one of a number of productions it has prepared in its effort to spread its message. This album is prepared with unusual sound effects to appeal to youth, but will reach others as well. It includes sound effects and voices from the Apollo 8 flight as the Bible was read from space. It includes Bible readings with background music on the life of Christ, great teachings of Christ, the crucifixion and resurrection. An outstanding narrator was chosen to read the scriptures and a great orchestra provides the background. An unusual album which presents the message of Christ in an appealing, soul stirring manner.

### LAUGHIN' WITH 'EM

by J. Garland McKee (Americana—LPMS 2029) "The world needs the medicine of laughter," says this Baptist pastor, who was reared in the Mississippi Delta but now a pastor in Louisiana. Because he is a great after dinner speaker and story teller he is invited to speak on many occasions. This album is the recording of an actual message delivered at a banking convention. It is comprised almost entirely of some of his great dialect stories, at which he is a master. This recording will bring a merry heart.

### RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

by Dan McBride (CHM Recordings—Stereo CHM 72) Those of you who have purchased a previous recording by Mr. McBride, Tiptoe Through the Tithers, need no introduction to this new one. (If you don't have the first one, be sure to get that.) Mr. McBride, who has been an assistant pastor in Texas, uses his rich baritone voice and his guitar to present numerous choruses which do a bit of friendly spoofing at church and denominational life. It is very refreshing and will give many hours of delight as it is played again and again.

### HIS LAND

—Cliff Barrows (Light, (Word) Stereo—LS-5532—LP) A musical journey through Israel as it is back in the Holy Land today. It is the sound track from the motion picture by the same name, a Billy Graham film. Scripture is narrated, orchestral arrangements fill the background, and a great chorus provides part of the music. The tremendous voice of Cliff Barrows is unforgettable, and Cliff Barrows joins him in some of the songs, as well as narrates some numbers. The album closes with the Hallelujah Chorus.

### CLIFF BARROWS NOW With Kurt Kaiser Singers

(Word—Stereo WST 8500 LP) Cliff Barrows, beloved choir leader of the Billy Graham team, leads a great choral group in some of the greatest of the newer Christian choral numbers. Included are Pass It On, Let Us Break Bread Together, The New 23rd, Kum B Ya and others. Thirteen numbers are included.

### I WALKED TODAY WHERE JESUS WALKED

—Frank Boggs (Word, Stereo WST-8469-LP) This widely known bass-baritone needs no introduction to most Southern Baptists as he has sung across the convention, and made numerous albums. Most of these 12 numbers are newer gospel solos, although a few old ones are included. One is blessed by hearing I Have Come From the Darkness Into Light, God Leads His Dear Children Along, Fill My Cup, Lord, How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours, and others. A most satisfying album.

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Our son seemed very young when he went away to college, but after his third letter home, we knew he was settling into the campus routine. In closing, he said, "Write often, even if it's only a few dollars."



# "We Must Keep Marching"

(Continued from page 1)

perhaps an uncertainty in our marching, why? Why the wistfulness and the uncertainty? The answers surely are obvious to us all.

In the very first place, we simply are not marching as we know we ought to be doing. A brief look at our statistics for these recent years will bear that out.

Again, the unprecedented change that we feel at every level of life is surely one answer for the wistfulness that we feel. "Normal change," said the late J. Wallace Hamilton, "is exhilarating and healthy; too much change is overwhelming; something like an earthquake has shaken the world, shaken down old things we thought were solid, swept away old landmarks that we thought were permanent. We stand bewildered today in a world of frightening change."

Moreover, to be very realistic, and we must be that, there is a divisiveness among us in these days. I need not discuss the issues here, but they are very alive and we all know it.

In the forth place, there is a mood of despair among us. And this, I believe, is the most devastating of all the reasons for our wistfulness.

Leonard Griffith, of Canada, names three factors that can destroy the church's sense of mission. He names introversion, looking only at ourselves and concern only that we continue to exist. Religious syncretism, as he calls it, is the second factor. But above all, says this imminent preacher, sheer defeatism is the factor most likely to lay hold upon the church's life as dry rot lays hold on a tree.

Yet, in the midst of these perplexing circumstances, each one a reason for our wistfulness, the command of God comes clearly that we keep marching. It is this that is the theme of this message and of the scripture that we read together.

Here in this thrilling story are the answers to the wistfulness with which we sing and the sometimes hesitant way in which we march. Here is an incident from God's word, the truth of which can clarify perspective and set us positively marching again for the glory of our God in the work He has for us to do.

## Miraculously Liberated

God's people had been miraculously liberated from slavery by the mighty power of God; and here, after a brief time, they stood in the midst of a tragic crisis. On the north were the craggy mountains, on the south the Egyptian forts, at their rear the Egyptians themselves with their mighty forces of chariots and arms, and before them the waters of the Red Sea.

Quickly sizing up their predicament, the people began to murmur. Their murmuring grew louder and louder. "Moses," they cried, "why did you bring us here? It would have been better had we died and been buried in our slavery. We warned you about this possibility."

God's word tells us that Moses, in absolute confidence, urged them to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Then he went to God in prayer.

The answer of God is amazing. Leave off praying God said. I have already accepted your prayer and there are times when action is more appropriate than prayer. Then these moving words from God: "speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Here is a parable for God's people in every age. And we in our time need it desperately. Its message is crystal clear: surrounded by vicious enemies and stubborn obstacles the command of God still comes to His people "Move! Go forward! Keep marching!"

To be sure, there are crises in our day. For God's people there have always been crises. There is the crisis of change, the crisis of divisiveness, and there is always that mood of despair that can be deadly. But for God's people, a crisis is never a calamity; it is always a challenge.

So today, as though the centuries it has always come to His people, the command of God comes to us Southern Baptists: Move! Go forward! Keep marching!

For God's people in every age, the best is always yet to be. There is hope at the heart of our faith, and we must keep marching.

But how? How, in the face of some battles lost, of gargantuan changes, of a spirit of divisiveness and a mood of despair; how can we keep marching? Let me then simply suggest three words, the meanings of which can motivate us, inspire us, and keep us marching. The words are REMEMBER, REAFFIRM, AND REKINDLE.

Let us forget, we need to look backward and remember what God has already done through us, for faith looks backward for perspective as well as forward for direction. As we observe this one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary, it is worth our recalling the mighty works of God through Southern Baptists.

## Organized In Augusta

On that Thursday morning, May 8, 1845, in Augusta, Georgia, one hundred sixty-six delegates from eight states and the District of Columbia gathered prayerfully to begin a denomination that we have known through the years as Southern Baptists, and of which we are gratefully a part. In that year Southern Bapt-

tist churches numbered a few more than four thousand, and they counted their membership as only a fraction above three hundred fifty thousand. With Southern Baptists in those churches and in those numbers in fifteen states and in the District of Columbia, we had our beginning.

Through these years, to be sure, there have been controversies in the fields of theology and ecclesiology. Some of them have been bitter and tragic. But by God's grace and the Christian spirit of magnificent leaders, these controversies have been resolved, and Southern Baptists have marched on.

Now, after one hundred twenty-five years and the blessings and leadership of God, we speak of thirty-five thousand churches, and over eleven and one-half million members. Twenty-six hundred Southern Baptist missionaries serve in seventy-six countries beyond our shores, with above three thousand other workers in all sections of these United States.

Let us forget, lest we be completely overcome by reverses, by change, by divisiveness, and by a mood of sheer despair, let us remember that God has richly blessed Southern Baptists and used us mightily in His cause through these years.

Once again, lest we lose our grip, lest we hesitate in our marching, lest we stray down forbidden paths, let us reaffirm some tremendous truths.

First of all we must reaffirm what God's purposes are for us Southern Baptists. And without another word, we can say that God's purposes do not change. His methods may change and ours must be altered the better to carry out God's unchanging purposes for us. But God's purposes never change.

God's purposes for His people are today what they have always been. They are today what our Saviour said they were nineteen hundred years ago. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you," said the Master. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Or again, lest there be any confusion about God's purpose for us, our Saviour said it clearly: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." And these commands have never been revoked.

The Apostle Paul said it in a slightly different way but just as surely when he described all men who name the name of Jesus as the body of Christ. We are His eyes to see the heart-rending needs of men, His feet to go anywhere that men need the Saviour, His ears to hear the cries of tortured humanity, His hands to bind up the broken and bleeding, and His mouth to proclaim God's good news in Christ Jesus.

## Should Evangelize

We are, therefore, to minister to men's needs as Christ would do. We are to evangelize, to introduce men to our Saviour, to enlist them in fellowship with others of God's people, and in growth toward Christian maturity. This is God's purpose for us, and we are to do it with deep concern for people, all people everywhere. We are to do it by every means at our command. We are to do it through creative and imaginative methods, changing those methods as they need to be changed to meet the needs of the present generation of people.

And I believe we can and must do it through the institutional church. Forms may well be changed; but forms there must be. New organizations may be substituted for old; but organizations there must be. Structures may vary to meet varying personal needs; but structures there must be.

## Must Reaffirm

Again, we must reaffirm our confidence in the factors that have made us great. But what precisely are these factors? In perspective they ought to be clear to us. Let me share with you the views of two different men.

Writing in the January issue of the **Baptist Program**, Dr. John Claypool of Louisville, Kentucky, has identified what he considers three very positive qualities from the last one hundred twenty-five years of Southern Baptist life, qualities that ought to be preserved and developed for the future. Our dedication to true individualism as the way of participating in life is the first. The profound regard Southern Baptists have for the Biblical revelation is another. And the dedication of Southern Baptists to missions and taking the initiative to share the good news is the third.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, in his presidential address in Denver, declared that our denomination was born and has lived in a great mission commitment, in deep doctrinal conviction, and in an enterprise of common commitment.

These are the ingredients that have motivated our march, and we Baptists in 1970 must reaffirm our confidence in them and our commitment to them.

But in the third place, we must

humbly and sincerely reaffirm our commitment to God in Christ Jesus as His servants to carry out His purposes, and only for His glory.

A number of years ago the late Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, led in a service of dedication for two thousand young men and women. He closed the service by asking that great throng to sing Isaac Watts great hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." They sang the first stanza:

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Before the last stanza, Dr. Temple stopped the singing and said, "I want you to read this stanza before you sing it. These are tremendous words. If you mean them with all your heart and there has never been a question about your commitment, sing them as loud as you can. If you don't mean them at all, keep silent. If you mean them even a little and want to mean them a great deal more, sing them very softly in a whisper. There was

complete silence as every eye scanned the tremendous words. The organist touched the key; then, two thousand voices whispered the words:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

And it does, indeed. And as we keep marching let us ever reaffirm our commitment to God in Christ Jesus.

The third word and one of the keys to our continuing march in triumph for the Master is the word rekindle. Lest the flame of faith burn low and with it the warmth of heart and enthusiasm and inspiration to keep marching, let us honestly allow the Holy Spirit to rekindle that flame of faith in us. We simply cannot keep marching without His power.

I was reared in the little north Florida town of Madison. Contrary to some views, the weather becomes quite cold in north Florida in the middle of the winter. We lived in a large two-story house just beyond the town house heated only by fire

## Convention Departments—XII

# The Baptist Record

In seven years the Baptist Record will be 100 years old. Since 1877 this official journal of Mississippi Baptists has proclaimed the news of religious interest, particularly of Baptist interest.

In 93 years, the Record has had eight editors, from the first, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, to the present, Dr. Joe T. Odle.

Deadline time for news articles sent to the Record is Monday noon of each week. However, materials will find better coverage if received at least by the Friday previous to the week of publication. Advertisements must be received at least one week in advance of the issue date on which they are to appear.

No Cooperative Program funds subsidize the self-supporting paper. Individual subscriptions are now \$2.50 and EFP subscriptions \$1.80.

"Under God, the right type of

literature at the right time and in the right place can accomplish wonders. The printed word can address men as individuals in need of a Saviour's love. It can address men as well as women. It can reach the most isolated places. No one is inaccessible to its message, provided he can read." Thus wrote one Arthur Glasser.

All the editors of the Baptist Record have acknowledged the importance of the "right type of literature." All have worked through the Record toward these over-all goals: "to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; to publish materials that will aid in spiritual growth; to print news of interest to Baptists; to promote the whole program of Mississippi Baptists; to provide a Baptist voice among the many voices of the hour; to participate in the work of the churches as an assistant pastor, helping to make greater advance for the glory of God."



DR. JOE T. ODLE assumed the editorship of the Baptist Record eleven years ago. At his desk, the production of the paper begins, for there the decisions are made concerning what items will be published. From his typewriter come the editorials that reflect the paper's policies and opinions.



MISS EVELYN KEYES is proofreader for the Record and secretary to Mr. Abrams. Above, she cuts articles from yellow galley proofs in preparation for lay-out use.



JOE ABRAMS, associate editor, left, and Mrs. Anne McWilliams, editorial associate, right, are shown making up the Record on a Monday afternoon. The paper, which now uses a modern six-column format, goes to press early each Tuesday.



MISS KEYES, left, and Mrs. Sarah Cotton, right look over news releases received in the mail. Mrs. Cotton's first responsibility each morning is to open an enormous pile of mail, and then transfer it to the editor's desk.



WILLIAM H. SELLERS, above, is director of circulation and advertising. Baptist Record circulation is now 108,500 weekly, fourth highest among state Baptist papers. Of the 1890 Baptist churches in Mississippi, 1450 participate in the Every Family Plan.



MRS. NELL VAUGHN (above) helps to keep the mailing lists correct. (The mailing operation has been computerized during the past year.)



MRS. BOBBIE CROTWELL handles the book-keeping of church accounts, does secretarial work, and shares in other work of the circulation-mailing department.



SIX TONS (or nearly eighty miles) of paper roll off this press for every edition of the Baptist Record. Benton Cain, president, Thornton Publishers, right, is pictured with the editor.



IN THE MAILING OPERATION, carried out at Thornton Publishers, labels are pasted on the papers at a rate of 10,000 or more per hour. About 500 mail bags are filled with Records each week. Mrs. Linnie Temple is shown at the mailing machine.

we Southern Baptists need in our time as desperately as we need anything else in all the world.

God's command to all His people in every age, and in no other more urgently than in our own, and to Southern Baptists no less than to others, is move! Go forward!

Let us be done with wallowing in the pessimism of declining statistics. Let us stop being frightened by change. Let us stop magnifying the issues that divide us. Let us reject the mood of despair.

Rather remembering what God has done through us, reaffirming the vital essentials of our life, and allowing the Holy Spirit to rekindle the flickering flames of our faith, let us keep marching triumphantly together. And as we march we shall sing with genuine meaning:

Let on, O king Eternal,  
We follow not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears:  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us:  
We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest:  
Lead on, O God of might.

This is what God's Holy Spirit can do for us — must do for us if we are to keep marching. He can add fuel to the flickering flame of our faith and by His power bring it quickly to a roaring hot fire of enthusiasm, of inspiration, of concern for others, and of motivation to keep marching. This



# New Amendments Are Presented By Committee On Constitution, By-Laws

The following amendments were presented by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1968. Rev. James Smith, Mendenhall, chairman of the committee at that time, brought the report.

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

It is proposed that the Plan of Organization and Action of the Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Article I, Section 2, paragraph 1, be amended to read:

Section 2. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board shall be composed of 100 members, one member from each association nominated by the association, plus additional "at large" members who shall be nominated by the Convention Committee on Nominations. Not more than four members from any one association may serve on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and when a pastor or layman is already serving, a layman or pastor respectively shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

In the event of the consolidation of associations or the formation of a new association and Board membership shall be adjusted, if necessary, according to the above stipulations. He moved that the change which was presented at the 1968 Convention be made. Motion was duly seconded and passed.

He further read the following recommendations from his committee to be voted on at the 1970 Convention: New amendments presented to this Convention session, to be voted on at the next annual session, according to Article VII of the Constitution, dealing with amendments:

1. We recommend that Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

That the word "may" be changed to "shall be" so that this sentence reads, "The Treasurer of the Convention Board (provided for in the Plan of Organization and Action following) shall be the Treasurer of the Convention."

2. We recommend that Article I, Section 2, under The Plan of Organization and Action, be amended as follows:

- (1) That the second paragraph be deleted in its entirety.
- (2) That in the third paragraph, and in the last sentence, the word "from" be substituted for the words "residing in." The last sentence would thus read, "If any association fails to notify the Executive Secretary of a nomination, or any nomination is unacceptable to the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Nominations shall nominate a suitable person from that association to be a member of the Convention Board."

3. We recommend that Article I, Section 3, under The Plan of Organization and Action, be amended as follows:

- (1) That the last sentence be changed to read, "His unexpired term may be completed by a member chosen by the Executive Committee of the association and seated by the Convention Board, provided such member shall be a member of a cooperating church within the territory of that association."

- (2) That a second paragraph be added to this Section, which would read as follows: "Any at large Board member moving from the association in which he was residing at the time of his election, or transferring his church membership to a church not in said association, shall terminate his Convention Board membership until such time that he or someone else is elected by the Convention Board or Committee on Nominations, to serve the unexpired term."

4. We recommend that Article XI, Section 5, under The Plan of Organization and Action, be amended as follows:

- (1) That the word "annually" be omitted from this sentence so that the sentence reads, "The Foundation shall elect an executive secretary who shall administer its affairs, as directed by the trustees thereof."

5. We recommend that Article XI-A under The Plan of Organization and Action be amended as follows:

- (1) That the number XI-A be changed to XII and that the number of each successive Article be changed accordingly.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Article VII. Trustees of Colleges, Hospitals, Orphanage

SECTION 2: The trustees of the respective institutions shall have power

as set out in their charters, to receive monies, employ executive officers and staff members, determine their salaries, and take any and all other measures necessary to the successful operation of their respective institutions limited only by "the Convention itself, the requirements set forth elsewhere in this Plan of Organization and Action and by the stipulation that the sale, or final disposal otherwise, of real estate shall require specific Convention sanction, except real estate or other properties received by the institutions in the form of bequests or wills, not adjacent to or involved in the immediate operation of the institution."

\*The proposed Amendment is in boldface type.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Article VII. Trustees of Colleges, Hospitals, Orphanage

Add the following section: SECTION 3: No federally funded program shall be approved or administered by the Trustees of the respective institutions without specific Convention approval.

Both proposed amendments were automatically referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

# House-Parents Now Needed At The Baptist Children's Village

The Baptist Children's Village has recently called attention to its continuing need for qualified staff members to serve the boys and girls at the Village as "house-parents".

In emphasizing what he described as the particularly pressing nature of the need at this time, Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery stated that the Baptist child care agency in Jackson was especially interested in single, adult ladies or in husband and wife teams between the ages of 40 and 55 years.

"We are unable to consider applicants who have already attained the 60th birthday", Nunnery continued.

The children at the village live in modern, brick "cottages", each of which closely resembled a complete, private home, and each of which houses a normal case load of 12 children of mixed ages and two adult staff members who are called "house-parents".

In general, according to the administration at the Village, these adult staff members serve the children as substitute parents, assuming all of the responsibility and performing many of the duties normally attributable to natural parents.

In commenting upon the qualifications for this staff assignment, Mr. Nunnery pointed out that successful applicants must be in good physical, and emotional health, with temperaments conducive to living and working with large groups.

They must have unimpeachable

character and unqualified endorsement of a local Baptist church and its pastor.

Only persons who have no dependents may be considered, since successful applicants must be in position to move and make their homes on the Village campus and with the Village children.

The appeal for applicants set out the opportunity presented for fruitful and helpful full-time Christian service by mature adults who may have wished for service opportunities, but felt unqualified because of the lack of training or experience. According to the Village staff, both training and experience is available on a mission field with children "on the job".

Interested persons may contact T. D. Rogers, home life director, the Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11308, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi, or Superintendent Nunnery at the same address.

**LEBANON:** The Beirut Baptist School had to turn away more than 50 applicants this year for lack of space and facilities, reported Principal James K. Ragland, missionary. Since the school opened in 1954 with 20 students it has grown to its current record enrollment of 520, including Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and non-Christian students. Ragland works with a staff of 35 Lebanese and five missionary teachers.

# Slayden To Observe Centennial

Slayden Church, Slayden, will observe its centennial November 15. The program will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Will Fore, pastor 1915-1919, will bring the message during the morning program.

Lunch will be served at the church. The afternoon program will begin at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Authur Leslie will bring the afternoon message.

All former pastors, former members, friends and present members are invited to attend this centennial observance, states Rev. Danny Lee Prater, pastor.

# Rev. Stanley File Available Now For Interim, Revivals

Rev. Stanley A. File, who returned to Mississippi two years ago after serving as pastor in Alaska, is now available for supply preaching, interim pastorates, and-or revivals. His forced retirement from the active ministry came about as a result of his illness with leukemia.

He has just completed a revival with Rev. P. S. Dodge and Providence Church in Gulfport.

In addition to his years of pioneer missions work in Washington and in Alaska, Mr. File held earlier pastorates in Mississippi at Gulfport and in Pearl River, Lamar, and Yazoo Counties.

His address is Jacob's Road, Poplarville, Miss.

# Jackson Thanksgiving Service Announced

Preliminary plans for the third annual community Thanksgiving service have been announced by the Greater Jackson Clergy Alliance. The service will be held at 10 o'clock on Thanksgiving morning, and all Jacksonians are urged to make plans to attend.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on Claiborne Avenue will be the host congregation this year. Rabbi Perry Nussbaum of the Beth Israel Congregation will be the preacher.

A committee appointed by Clergy Alliance President Edwin Wilson is working on further plans for the service. Committee members are Msgr. Roland Winel (Chairman), Rev. Hickman Johnson, Rabbi Perry Nussbaum, and Rev. Gordon Gibson.

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## Long-Range Planning Conference Set For Jackson In '71

A conference on church long-range planning, sponsored by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville is scheduled in Jackson for Feb. 8-11, 1971.

Included in the schedule of study are methods for organizing a church for planning, determining the unique purpose of a church, analyzing the performance of a church, projecting trends in the local community and developing long-range plans.

Program leader for the sessions at Briarwood Drive Baptist Church, Jackson, will be Joseph Hinkle, church administration consultant.

Registration is limited to churches represented by at least two persons, one of which must be the pastor. The registration fee of \$40 for each church may be sent to Leon Emery, Mississippi Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.



A 1570 EDITION of the Geneva Psalter is admired by William Carey College academic officials as they begin unpacking approximately 3,000 volumes dealing with church music. The priceless collection of the late Dr. Clarence Dickinson is a recent gift to the William Carey College School of Music. Pictured above from left are: Academic Vice - President Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., Mrs. Frances Winters, and Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of the School of Music.

## WM. Carey College Is Recipient Of Priceless Music Collection

"The Clarence Dickinson Church Music Collection" has officially been established in connection with the School of Music and the Library at William Carey College, through the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Winters of the Carey School of Music.

The basic core of this collection includes books, papers, pictures and other memorabilia from the library of Dr. Clarence Dickinson, the late "Dean of American Church Musicians," whose eighty years of active leadership in the field of church music ended with his death August 1, 1969. His wife, Mrs. Lois Stice Dickinson, has arranged for rare volumes and other materials to be added to the collection which bears her late husband's name.

Dr. Clarence Dickinson, organist of New York City's famed Brick Presbyterian Church for fifty years, was the last surviving founder of the American Guild of Organists. He was a composer, hymnologist, organ re-

citalist, and teacher for eighty of his ninety-six years. In 1928 Dr. Dickinson founded the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary, of which he served as Director until his retirement from the School in 1945.

When Dr. and Mrs. Winters visited New York City to confer with Mrs. Dickinson regarding the founding of the Dickinson Collection, they also met with one of Dr. Dickinson's colleagues, Rev. George Litch Knight, of Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Knight offered a gift of Dickinson memorabilia, his own personal hymnological library and other related materials designed to stimulate further development of the William Carey College as a Church Music Center in the south.

In addition to the church music books and materials designated for the Dickinson Collection, Dr. Knight also included in the gift to the college a major portion of his personal theological and professional library. For many years Dr. Knight was active in the Hymn Society of America,

founder and first editor of its quarterly periodical, *The Hymn*, as well as the author of several articles on church music and related subjects for various magazines and periodicals.

Included in the Clarence Dickinson Collection are a number of extremely rare early editions of Psalm and Hymn books; an extensive set of carol publications from many countries; and a significant representation of books on church music and hymnology by American writers and those of other countries.

Through Dr. Knight's efforts, the Clarence Dickinson Collection at Carey College includes an almost complete set of the nearly five hundred compositions and arrangements by Dr. Dickinson, out-of-print copies of books written by him and in collaboration with the late Dr. Helen A. Dickinson, and a number of recordings of Dr. Dickinson's own playing. (These recordings include a tape of the nationally acclaimed 1940 Recital for the American Guild of Organists—New York City Regional Convention, played when Dr. Dickinson was seventy-six years of age. The Recital was repeated across the country by him on a number of occasions thereafter.)

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\*1 Peter 3:4  
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## Growing Through Giving

Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; James 2:14-17  
By Clifton J. Allen

Christian giving is a highly important aspect of living our faith. It is prescribed by the Lord as the way to support workers who engage in the



Christian ministry and as the way for supporting the work of churches. The emphasis in this lesson, however, is the reaction of giving on the life of the giver. The faithful practice of giving will contribute significantly to one's

Christian growth and toward maturity in Christian experience. The several Bible passages chosen for study emphasize giving as one aspect of a comprehensive dedication of life, call at and warn that one test of true faithfulness in Christian stewardship, stress the appropriateness of voluntariness and joy in Christian giving, and warn that one test of truth faith in Christ is generosity toward others.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**Motive For Giving**  
Verses 1-2

Christians are called on to translate their concepts of salvation into a total and sustained self-dedication to God. The apostle Paul, the writer of the letter to the Romans, grounds his appeal on the mercies of God. These are the wondrous realities in the grace of God in salvation and in the new relationship with God through Christ. All that God has done for us through Christ for our salvation should provide compelling incentive to present our bodies as "a living sacrifice." We thus recognize that all that we are—body, mind, and spirit—belongs to God. And all the energies of one's life ought to be used in the service of God. It is thus "a living sacrifice." When we give ourselves to God in this way, our dedication becomes "reasonable service," an act of spiritual worship. The pattern for life is not to be conformity to the practices of the world but transformation through the help of the indwelling Spirit and the renewal of one's moral purpose to do that which is well pleasing to God. All this is a worthy motive for

Christian giving. The energies of one's body are expended to earn money, to gain substance, under the blessing of God. If the body may appropriately be dedicated to God, in response to his mercies and the riches of his grace, it surely follows that one's money ought to be dedicated fully to God.

**Fellowship In Giving**  
Verses 3-5

In the fellowship of the faith, one's life ought to be marked by humility. Our natural tendency is to pride, but we are fortified against pride by realizing that each individual has nothing except what God has assigned to him. The fellowship of Christians in a church provides the ideal situation for the practice of giving, each member sensing his personal responsibility but all encouraging one another with a sense of corporate responsibility and with a recognition that giving is for the building up of the whole church and for the carrying out of its mission in the world. In this fellowship of giving, the amounts will vary, from the smallest to the largest, but the measure of faithfulness and the experience of joy and the sense of responsibility can possess all members alike. No individual is to boast of generosity if his gifts are large. No one is to feel embarrassed if his gifts are small—that is, if there is obedience and sacrifice in each case. The size of the gift is not what counts but the spirit behind the gift and the measure of love and faith which the gift expresses.

**Giving The Best Gifts**  
Verses 6-8

Among Christians there is a diversity of gifts, each Christian having gifts according to the purpose of God's grace. But each Christian faces the obligation to use these gifts faithfully. If one has the gift of prophecy, the power to understand and proclaim the will of God, he should exercise it, not in self-confidence, but in faith, and with fidelity to the Spirit. One may have a gift of ministering to people, another the gift of teaching, and another the gift of exhorting or comforting. Let them devote themselves faithfully to these gifts.

Nearly all Christians have some money. Each one should give liberally. Some Christians will have capacities for leadership. The one with such a gift should be diligent in his place of responsibility. The one who can show mercy to the sick and the poor should do so with brightness and good cheer. Whatever one has, he faces the responsibility to use it for the glory of God and the benefit of men.

**Truths to Live By**

Giving should be an expression of a total stewardship. — Stewardship is inclusive of the whole of life. One's occupation is a stewardship. His place in a family and his responsibility in a home is a stewardship. His relationships with other persons is a stewardship. And all his talents and capacities to resist evil and to do good and to grow in faith and love are a stewardship.

Giving is both duty and blessing. — It is the commandment of God that tithes and offerings shall be given by his people for the support of his work in the world.  
God is the greatest giver of all. — This truth should never be forgotten by the Christian. He has given us infinitely more than we can ever give to him. His kindness and providential care have provided for man's physical needs. His grace in Christ provides eternal redemption from sin. His counsel and comfort and strength through the Spirit are sufficient for every need of man in affliction or temptation or opportunity or responsibility.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

1 Thess. 3:1-4:12  
By Bill Duncan

Have you ever read a more loving pastoral letter? Paul may have been a traveling missionary but he sure had a heart of love like a pastor for his people. When a man has put his best into something, he is anxious until he knows how the work of his hands and his brain will weather the tests. When a teacher has taught a child



and has put something of himself into the task of teaching he is anxious to see how that training will stand the test of life.

As you remember, Paul was with the church at Thessalonica a short three weeks. The believers at the church were very strong in faith from the beginning. New converts often begin and continue to grow at a fast rate. But this will not continue unless there is healthy growth. Time is an important fact in growth.

Graham Scroggie affirms: Spiritual renewal is a gradual process. All growth is progressive, and the finer the organism, the longer the process. It is from stage to stage, "first the blade then the ear and after that, the full corn in the ear. Any experience which makes us more aware of our need of God must contribute to spiritual progress, unless we deny the Lord who bought us."

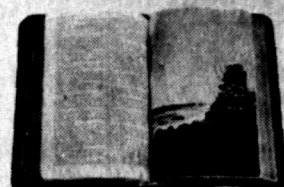
There are no short cuts to reality! There is a danger of people not acknowledging this factor of time and turning to false enticements by means of "experiences" and "blessings" where one could become pathetically enmeshed in ever-changing "feelings" adrift from the moorings of scriptural facts.

The people at the church of Thessalonica had seen growth during the absence of Paul. Now Paul was anxious to see what had been happening to them. Therefore he wanted to see Timothy help the church. The Christian attitude to the sinner and the struggle must never be that of condemnation but always that of help. Timothy was sent not to inspect for mistakes but to strengthen and encourage.

We who are growing Christians need to accept the help which God sends our way. We need to put away the attitude, "that we can do it by ourselves." Our Lord wants to be wanted, and to be all in us and do all through us. The help that God wants to give is Life itself. Immaturity considers Jesus as a helper. Maturity knows Him to be Life itself. Dr. J. E. Conant wrote, "Christian living is not our living with Christ's help, it is Christ living His life in us. The best help, encouragement, and strength we can give growing Christians is to point out what is already theirs."

Faith is the first step toward maturity in Christian growth. Faith is based upon certainty. There must be definite knowledge of God's purpose and will. Real faith is always increased by opposition, while false confidence is damaged and discouraged by it. Faith is dependence upon God. The test that the church at Thessalonica had experienced taught them faith. The Lord allows things to happen to teach us to depend upon him. Faith is necessary in everything.

Love is necessary for growth. A child loves naturally. Hate must be taught. But love must be directed toward God and fellowmen. No person ever grew greater than his love. Love cannot be hidden. It will find a way of expression or it will die. The church at Thessalonica had the report



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## Devotional

## Let's Stop Picking On God!

TEXT: Luke 22:42

By Louis Smith, Pastor, Briarwood, Jackson

I knew a boy in high school who was continually trying to throw his weight around; and, he had a lot to throw around! He was a bully to the smaller kids, not hurting them, but being more of a nuisance than a terror. He was always picking on someone. As I look back this person had few friends and was insecure when it came to relating to other people.

We have some "bullies" in the church today who, without justification, pick on God by accusing Him of dreadful and unpleasant happenings. A little child is crushed beneath the wheel of an automobile, and someone remarks, "It's God's will and we must accept it." A young mother is taken from her husband and children and a well-meaning Christian comments, "It is hard to bear, but it is God's will." This almost causes me to reply similarly to that of a college classmate when I asked him about his apparent unchristian behavior. He replied with something I considered profane and sacrilegious. I asked if he did not have some fear of divine retribution for these statements. He became angry and shouted, "Why doesn't God do it then? If that's the kind of God He is, I don't want to have anything to do with Him!" This would be my feeling if I thought God was at the root of pain, sorrow, distress, disease, tragedy, evil, and sin. But this is not the case at all. Yet why do people blame God or, as we say, pick on God?

We want to find solutions for things we do not fully understand. Our grasp of the teaching concerning His Will sometimes leaves us with many questions, especially when we link it with the knowledge of God, election and predestination. The will of God cannot be understood apart from His nature, that is, His holiness, righteousness, goodness, and truth. To attribute to God anything other than that which is in harmony with His nature is morally wrong and has no biblical validity. Although God does allow things to happen, it is a basic misconception to conclude that all things happen by the determinate will of God. Many things are undertaken without the slightest consideration that it is or is not God's will. Can we then blame God with the outcome of our own planning and effort? Can we so easily sweep the whole dirty mess into God's corner?

God's will is more than demand. It is His plan, His intention for the world He has made. Just as He ordered the world into being and directed its future, so He directs our lives and our future. But in creating us He also gave us a will. How much good over evil can be accomplished depends largely on how much we allow ourselves to fit into His will. We make mistakes and suffer, but this does not destroy His will nor does it bring down His wrath through accidents, sickness, death, and etc.

We have a good example in Jesus as He faced inevitable suffering and death. Thayer's Greek Lexicon translates Jesus' words, "Not my will, but thine," as if it was God's desire or wish instead of a demand upon Jesus. Our Lord did say that no one was making Him do this (John 10:18), and He could even have heavenly help if he so desired (Matt. 26:53). I think we should give Jesus some credit in the decision to go to Calvary. When God's purpose was clearly shown, Jesus was willing to fit into that purpose.

God's will is still in operation in the world He created. He wills that we work (Eph. 6:5-8), which might surprise some, that we use self-restraint concerning morality (1 Thess. 4:3), and that everyone be converted (II Peter 3:9). I think we can see that if God's will is to be done, the Christian must find His place in that will. As our relationship with God grows, we learn more of Him and His ways. We don't pick on those we know and respect. Isn't it about time we stopped our picking and started seeking?

## Russians Baptize Large Number

Russian Baptists have reported the baptism of more than 13,000 converts during the three year span, 1967-69. More than 5,000 will probably be baptized during 1970.

The large Moscow church baptized 182 converts itself during 1969, and thus far in 1970, it has baptized 124.—(EBPS)

## Union County Pays Tribute To Life Of Rev. Bilbo Lively

Union County Association in annual meeting passed a resolution of tribute to the life of Rev. Bilbo Lively.

At the time of his death on September 9, "Brother Bilbo" was pastor of the Poolville Church, Union County. He will be missed by thousands of people in northeast Mississippi, writes Marvin Cox, moderator, Union County Association.

Rev. Bilbo Lively was a lifelong resident of Union County. He pastored twenty-seven churches in Union, Pontotoc, and Tiptah Counties during his ministry. He helped to build fourteen churches with his own hands during this time.

Brother Bilbo, as he was affectionately known, was ordained to preach at Bethel Church, Union County, in 1937. For five years he saw an average of fifty people saved every year. Two of his greatest revivals took place at Shady Grove in Pontotoc County with fifty people finding Christ, and at Friendship in the same county with one hundred and thirty being baptized.

The resolution stated, "Upon the death of Rev. Bilbo Lively, the Union County Association of Baptists, along with thousands of friends, have suffered a great loss in the ongoing of this faithful servant of the Lord, who demonstrated his love for the preaching of the word of God and his love for Union County Baptists.

"Rev. Bilbo Lively was a servant of God whose life was a blessing to us all and an example of Christlike-ness. We express our appreciation and love for this servant of the Lord by dedicating the minutes of the Union County Association to him and request that his picture appear in the front of the minutes."

Home may be where the heart is. But the heart most assuredly can't be in a falling-down shack or crumbling building through which blow the icy breaths of winter. The heart cannot treasure the terrified scream of a child bitten by a rat. —Lloyd E. Armour in "For All the Crying Children," a Broadman book.

## Spring Media Conferences Scheduled At Assemblies

NASHVILLE — "Teaching and Learning with Library Media" will be the theme of seminars scheduled for Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies next spring.

The seminars, sponsored by the church library department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, are slated for April 26-30 at Ridgecrest and May 10-14 at Glorieta.

## Temple Calls Ballard

Rev. William Paul Ballard is the new pastor of Temple Church in Forest. He moved to Forest from Greenwood where he was minister of education and youth in the First Baptist Church.

He previously served pastorates at Anding Church, Yazoo City, and First Church, Gramercy, La.

Mr. Ballard is a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

His wife is the former Winnie Borden of Tupelo and they have three children, Dee 7, Bill 5, and Beth 11 months.

The Ballards have moved into the Temple church parsonage at 1203 Anderson Street.



## BMC Ministerial Alumni Elect Trustees

Blue Mountain College Ministerial Association has elected trustees of the alumni organization. Shown as the trustees met with their faculty advisor, Dr. James L. Travis, to make plans for providing special scholarships through their churches and friends interested in Christian Education at BMC, are the following: Front row, left to right — Rev. Donald Poe, president, Ministerial Alumni Association's Board of Trustees, pastor, First, Saltillo; Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain; Rev. Arlin Richardson, vice-president, pastor of Hickory Flat; and standing are: Rev. Milton Koon, pastor, Thaxton; Rev. Ronnie Mitchell, pastor, Palmer Church, Blue Mountain; Rev. Tommy Vinson, pastor, Beulah Church, Myrtle; Rev. Johnny Parks, pastor, Camp Ground Church, Water Valley; Rev. Jerry Stevens, pastor, Midway Church, Pontotoc, secretary-treasurer of the alumni trustees.

## Names In The News

Ricky Ford, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Ford of Dry Creek community near Booneville, was recently licensed to preach by Concord Church, Tiptah County. He is now serving as assistant Training Union director at Concord and as interim pastor of Oak Hill Church, Prentiss Association.

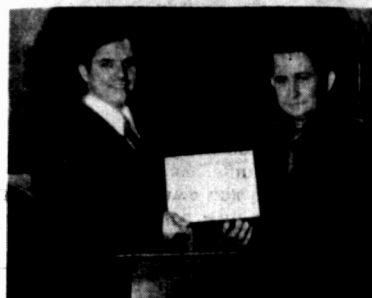


At school he is an outstanding basketball player. His pastor, Rev. Robert E. Walker, says, "This young man is an outstanding speaker, having spoken over 25 times since being licensed in August. I predict great things for him, for he is a rare young man in dedication and ability." Ricky is available for youth meetings or for supply work. His address is Route 3, Booneville, Miss.



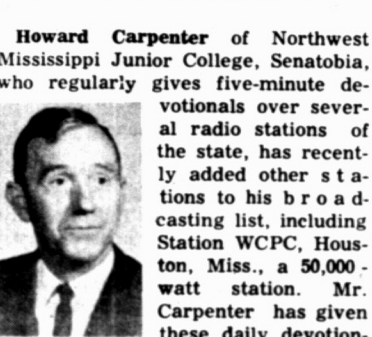
Kermit Ladell Vance and James Whitten Mason, shown above with the pastor, Rev. Ira Perkins, were ordained as deacons at Hebron Church near Sardis on September 26. Those on program were: Jim Mason, who gave the invocation; J. R. Haynes, who read the Scripture; Rev. Jimmy Houston, Union Church, Panola County, and Rev. Ira Perkins, pastor, who gave the charge to the deacons and church; Gary Dixon, who led the ordination prayer; L. L. Durham, who presented the new deacons with copies of The Baptist Deacon, and Kermit Vance, who led the benediction. Mr. Perkins presented special music.

Dr. Noel C. Womack, Jr., chief of the medical staff of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has announced the medical staff officers who will begin one-year terms January 1, 1971, when Dr. A. L. Meena takes office as chief of the medical staff for that year. Dr. R. P. Henderson will serve as president-elect during 1971, anticipating service as president during 1972. Dr. H. C. Ethridge will be vice-president and Dr. J. O. Manning secretary of the staff in 1971.



Joseph "Butch" Knight, left, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, October 18, by Bethany Church, Slate Springs. A student at Mississippi College, he has been called to be pastor of Bluff Springs Church, Eupora (Zion Association). His wife is the former Nancy Hardin of Slate Springs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Knight of Tupelo. Rev. Martin Williams, pastor of Bethany Church, shown presenting "Butch" with his ordination certificate.

Chaplain Gordon Shamburger, Miss. Baptist Hospital, will conduct a Christian Family Life Conference in the Coronado Baptist Church, Scottsdale, Arizona, November 15-18. Rev. Mel C. Craft, native of Mississippi and former pastor of First Church, Magee, is pastor of the Arizona church.



Howard Carpenter of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, who regularly gives five-minute devotionals over several radio stations of the state, has recently added other stations to his broadcasting list, including Station WCPC, Houston, Miss., a 50,000-watt station.

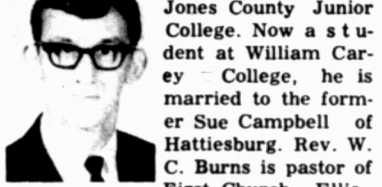
Monnie R. Stanfield, Sr., P. O. Box 306, Henderson, Texas, has for 18 years served as film evangelist. He has shown soul-winning films in many Southern Baptist churches in several states and says, "The Lord has given many souls saved and has given revivals in churches. One of the greatest soul-winning films we have is 'The Missing Christians.'" He has a 54-seat mobile chapel which he has used in fairsgrounds at four fairs this fall. At one of these fairs, services

were held on Saturday. Mr. Stanfield reports that in the four fairs, 5318 attended the film showings and related services, with 2228 responding to the invitations to accept Christ as Savior. He showed the 12-minute film, "The Basket of Blessings," which presented the plan of salvation. Mr. Stanfield says, "I would be glad to help anyone interested in getting started in a similar film ministry. A church with a mobile chapel to use in the field would surely have a good mission project."



Henry Dale Cooke, left, was licensed to the gospel ministry October 11 at Bethany Church, Slate Springs. Rev. Martin Williams, pastor, is shown presenting the license. Henry Dale lives at Slate Springs, and attends Calhoun City High School.

Robert P. Cooper, Jr. was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Ellisville, September 20. He surrendered while a student at Jones County Junior College. Now a student at William Carey College, he is married to the former Sue Campbell of Hattiesburg. Rev. W. C. Burns is pastor of First Church, Ellisville. The licensing ceremony consisted of a personal testimony by Mr. Cooper and at the close a Bible commentary was presented to him from the pastor and deacons.



## REVIVAL RESULTS

Magnolia Park Church, Jackson: November 5-8; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor of Harland's Creek Church, Holmes County, evangelist; Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor, song director; Ricky Buffington, Melissa Williams, cists; three professions of faith.

Donald Gene Winters, Hattiesburg, is the new minister of music at Galilee First Church of Gloster. Mr. Winters taught in the Hattiesburg Public Schools for two years and has served churches in Mississippi and Indiana. He is a graduate of William Carey College and did graduate work at the University of Indiana. Currently he is enrolled in the Master's program at Carey. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Winters, professors at Carey. Rev. DeVon L. Byrd is pastor at Galilee.



Rev. Benjamin R. Bennett, 1970 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Greenville, Fla. has begun as pastor of the Baptist church at Tinsley. Mr. Bennett is enrolled as a junior at Mississippi College. While studying at BBI, he was pastor of New Hope Church, in Holmes County, Florida, on Route 2, Geneva, Alabama.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

## Secrets Of Christian --

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where marriage vows were disregarded and divorce so easy. Therefore Paul urged that each should possess his own body in consecration and honour. Christianity for them laid down a completely new code in regard to the relationship of men and women.

The last secret of Christian growth calls for an atmosphere of calm, people minding their own business and working with their hands to make a living. Responsibility is the key to growth. Paul was urging that these people accept responsibility. Their ordinary life had been disrupted. The problem of making a living was different. But Christianity is practical. Christ is going to come back again, but in the meanwhile we are not to be hysterical but useful. If one allows his Christianity to turn him into a useless citizen, then he discredits Christ. We must be commending our faith by the way we live.

Paul told these people that they were not to become spongers on charity but independent. It is the Christian duty to help himself. "There will be in Christianity a lovely charity which delights to give and a proud independence which scorns to take, so long as his own two hands can supply his needs."

## Arkabutla Homecoming

Arkabutla Church will observe Homecoming and Building Fund Day, on Sunday, November 15. The Homecoming message will be brought by Rev. Bobby Walton, pastor, at 11:00 a.m.

Following the noon meal, provided by the resident members, a musical program has been planned for 3:30 p.m. J. B. Betts and his family will present a recital of religious music. Mr. Betts is a full-time evangelistic song leader and has assisted in revival crusades across the South.

In connection with this day, the church will attempt to raise \$4,000.00 to eliminate present building indebtedness.

Members, former members and friends are invited to attend.

## Off The Record

Which Came First . . .

—was reading to my little granddaughter about how a chicken is hatched. I said, "Isn't it wonderful how little chicks get out of their shells?" "What gets me," she answered, "is how they get in!"

—Juanita Trammel

Nashville Tennessee Magazine

Official Misdirection

The metal strips used to band birds are inscribed: "Notify Fish and Wildlife Service, Wash., D. C." They used to read "Washington Biological Survey," abbreviated to "Wash Biol Surv." This was changed after a farmer shot a crow and disgustingly wrote the government: "Dear Sirs: I shot one of your pet crows the other day and followed instructions attached to it. I washed it and bled it and served it. It was terrible. You should stop trying to fool the people with things like this. . ."

Yesterday's Tool

The father was scolding his teenage daughter for her slovenly appearance. "You modern girls don't seem to care how you look any more," he grumbled. "Why, your hair looks like a mop."

"What's a mop?" the daughter inquired innocently.

Reluctant Hero

"It was grand of you to dive from that height, fully clothed, to do such a magnificent job of rescuing that man," exclaimed the onlooker.

"That's all very well," retorted the hero. "But what I want to know is, who pushed me in?"



## Missionary To Puerto Rico Visits BMC

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF of Blue Mountain College have extensive opportunities to hear national and international guest speakers on many occasions. Shown is Rev. Albert Casteel, center, returned missionary from Puerto Rico, as he was greeted by his foster daughter, Sandra Perez of Puerto Rico, right, a BMC freshman; and President E. Harold Fisher of the college, left. The missionary is currently living in Nashville, Tenn. while he is on medical leave. He is available for speaking to groups about his work in Puerto Rico and lending assistance to churches and Christian institutions of higher learning.

## Mission Opened In Brazil

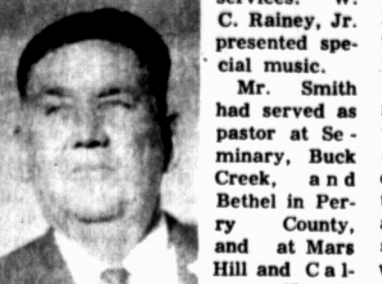
The former opening of a Baptist mission in the city of Amapa has pushed Baptist work another 30 miles north toward French Guiana and made Amapa the northernmost Baptist frontier in Brazil. Reception to Baptist work in the city had been cold for months. A missionary of the Brazilian home mission board, with the help of Southern Baptist missionaries, had tried unsuccessfully to start a ministry there, reported missionary Richard B. Douglass.

The breakthrough came when the city medical officer and his wife professed their faith in Christ. Soon Amapa's leading merchant and his wife and four children made professions. Then the medical officer's five oldest children were converted, and other families began attending Baptist services and acknowledging Christ as Saviour. A Baptist congregation was founded with 13 members, with another 13 awaiting baptism, and attendance was averaging about 50 persons in the living room of the medical officer's house, said Douglass.

The tendency to remove Jesus from the world of reality and human experience is a constant temptation. . . Nevertheless, we must bear in mind that we do not honor him by making him something he was not, thereby missing the whole meaning of his life.—Malcolm Tolbert in "Walking With the Lord," a Broadman book.

## Rev. W. M. Smith Dies At Hattiesburg

Rev. W. McKinley Smith died at Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg July 31 after suffering a heart attack at his home on July 30. Funeral services were held at Bethel Church, Perry County, (where he was pastor at the time of his death) on Sunday, August 2 at 4 p.m. Rev. W. A. Fordham and Rev. Q. C. Barrett conducted the services.



Mr. Smith was married to Mary Florence Stone around 40 years ago. Survivors include his wife; one son, Earnest F. Smith, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Meadows, both of Rt. 5, Hattiesburg; eight grandchildren; five brothers; and four sisters.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Lebanon Association. He attended William Carey College.

Mr. Smith was "a wonderful pastor who lived well, labored well, loved well, and was faithful to the end. He had many friends." All the churches where he was pastor were represented in great numbers at the funeral service.

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